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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The **Seventeenth Annual Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, 12th June**, and every effort has been made to ensure that the proceedings shall combine the interest and pleasant instruction which have characterised these gatherings in the past few years. It is hoped that as many as possible of our provincial colleagues will be present, as well as those in and around London, for beyond the special arrangements for the day it should not be forgotten that this is the one event of the year which most concerns the affairs of the Association. It is at this meeting, above all others, that items of policy and administration can be discussed most profitably; therefore those having the Association's welfare at heart will do well, not only to be present, but actively to engage in the business part of the proceedings. The programme is not so crowded as was that of last year, but the three main items it includes are of particular interest, and a successful day of enjoyable activity is anticipated.

PROGRAMME :

2.0 p.m. Visit the Library of the House of Lords. Unfortunately Mr. Edmund Gosse, the Librarian, by whose great kindness this visit is permitted, will be abroad, and therefore unable to receive visitors personally; his deputy—Mr. Hugh Butler—however, has very kindly undertaken to act in his stead, and will explain the Library and its working. The *number* of visitors will be *limited to 50*, and a ticket will be issued, for which application must be made to Mr. W. B. Thorne, Public Library, Bromley-by-Bow, E., not later than June 8th. In the event of more than 50 applications being received, preference will be given to provincial applicants.

5.0 p.m. Assemble at University College, Gower Street, W.C., where, by the kindness of the Provost, Dr. T. Gregory Foster, light refreshments will be served.

5.30 p.m. Counting of Ballot.

6.0 p.m. Meeting in the Mocatta Library. Mr. R. W. Chambers, M.A., University College Librarian, will preside, and an address entitled "WASTE IN THE LIBRARY FIELD" will be delivered by Mr. L. Stanley Jast, F.L.A., Hon. Secretary of the Library Association and Chief Librarian of Croydon.

7.30 p.m. Seventeenth Annual Business Meeting. The President in the Chair.

1. Reception of Annual Report.
2. Declaration of Ballot.
3. New President's address.
4. Special resolutions.
5. Votes of thanks.

Notice of Motion :—Mr. J. Frederick Hogg (Battersea) will move: "That Rule 5 (Officers) be amended by the addition of the following clause: 'The retiring President shall not be eligible for re-election to the Presidency until two years after the expiry of his term of office.'"

EXCURSION TO WORTHING.

An excursion to Worthing is being arranged for **Wednesday, July 3rd**, leaving Victoria about noon. Miss Frost, Borough Librarian of Worthing, has very kindly promised to receive the visitors at the Library. It is not expected that there will be any business proceedings, the idea being to make the outing a purely social one. Full details, however, will be published in the next issue of "The Library Assistant"; in the meanwhile it is hoped that members will book the date, as an enjoyable trip is anticipated, and the larger the party the greater will be the success.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE EASTER SCHOOL.

MacAllister Prizes.—Members are reminded that Prizes are offered by Mr. J. Y. W. MacAlister, F.S.A., for the best professionally interesting account of the Paris Easter School, 1912, as follows:

First prize	£3 3s. 0d.
Second prize	£2 2s. 0d.
Third prize	£1 1s. 0d.

Essays must bear a pseudonym, but not the name of the writer, which must be forwarded in a separate sealed envelope. Such essays must be addressed to Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers, The Central Library, Town Hall, Croydon, and must reach him not later than June 30th. The adjudication has been undertaken by Messrs A. W. Pollard, M.A., and Henry R. Tedder, F.S.A.

Paris Album.—An Album of reminiscences, impressions, etc., of the Paris School is in course of preparation, and every member who attended the School is requested to contribute a written impression of it, or picture post-cards, photographs, or any form of matter reminiscent of the School which may be included in such an Album. It is hoped that this record—which will be circulated amongst the members and afterwards preserved in the L.A.A. Library—will be thoroughly representative. Contributions should be sent to Mr. Sayers before the end of June.

The Photograph.—The Editor regrets that owing to difficulties made by M. Chamonin, the photographs have not yet come to hand. They will be forwarded immediately on receipt. In the meantime he has some copies of the reprint from "The Library Assistant" for sale at one penny each, plus one half penny for postage on any number.

NORTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the Public Library, Tynemouth, on Wednesday, 19th June. **The President** of the Association (MR. W. C. BERWICK SAYERS) will be the principal speaker.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

The next meeting will be held at the Central Library, Bradford, on 13th June, when the following papers will be read:—

“The Theory and Practice of Story-Telling to Children and Its Possible Application in Juvenile Reading-Rooms,” by Miss M. HUMMERSTON (Leeds).

“The Deterioration of Library Book-Leathers and Papers,” illustrated by samples and microscopic views, by D. L. STRACHAN (Leeds).

OUR SECOND GREAT ADVENTURE. (*Continued*).

BY OLIVE E. CLARKE.

Far into the night the sound of returning revellers was heard, but at last quiet and stillness came; not to last however, for the peace of the early Easter morn was broken by the noise of vigorous and prolonged blows upon the walls and doors of sundry members' rooms; this was followed by muffled groans, by creakings, by much splashing of waters, and by strains of song—all of which served to denote that some of us still had sufficient energy, even after the dissipations of the previous night, to rise early. Very early did two minstrels stand beneath the window of an exceedingly exalted personage endeavouring, by serenades of the most appealing tone, to get him to awake; but, alas! the cares of state did not preclude slumbers of the deepest sort, and, though they seemed to be disturbing most of the other inhabitants, our two musicians were forced to leave the exalted one to dream on, and to betake themselves to a point where they should meet others like unto themselves. By devious and deserted ways the small party thus formed proceeded through a Paris which was being cleaned and prepared for the day's labour, to the Church of the English Embassy. For some twenty minutes they sat in the quiet of the lily-scented church, their pulses quickened by the sense of anticipation which was in the air; a feeling abroad, they learned, because these members of our Church in a foreign land were expecting to have the son of their king amongst them. With hands that lingered lovingly over the task, the Bishop arranged the vessels on the altar, and then he went down the aisle and returned by way of the nave with the tall fair boy who bears the title of Prince of Wales.

At the close of the service some of those who had been serenaded unsuccessfully, met us, and we returned to the coffee and rolls which caused some of our more voracious members to sigh. With what gusto did we relate our

morning's experience, and triumph over those who had followed the practice of the proverbial sluggard! But our guide would not allow us to linger over "le petit dejeuner," for we were to reach Notre Dame in time for High Mass; so, with hurried steps, we betook ourselves to the Nord-Sud and boarded a train. Many were the changes it was necessary to make; many and long were the passages we had to traverse; but at length our destination was reached, and, after passing through a market-square which was a confused mixture of birds, animals, and vegetables, we stood before the front of Notre-Dame. With due solemnity arrangements were made to meet again at a certain hour in a certain place, and then in companies of ones and twos we entered the Cathedral. Our ire was roused, and our sense of fitness and reverence was rudely shocked by the cries of the harsh and raucous-voiced vendors of papers who infest the precincts; these pests pursue the visitor to the very threshold, and entirely destroy the atmosphere which one associates with cathedrals. Some of us attended the service whilst others found their way to the dark and narrow stairway which leads to the towers and galleries; they wandered along the galleries delighting in the weirdly grotesque gargoyles carven in the shape of devils and misshapen animals, and in the beauty and life which lay beneath them. A shrill-voiced "Madame" led them up the winding stairway to the belfry which is so well-known to readers of Victor Hugo: here is the crazy wooden floor, with its gaping cracks, which is all the protection between the visitor and the abyss below; and here is Jacqueline, the smaller bell, and Mary, the great bell, the best beloved of Quasimodo (at least, we like to think it is!) And so we stand beneath it whilst "Madame" smites a mighty blow upon it and the sound echoes and re-echoes around the turret-like cage; and we linger for awhile beneath it and then return once more to the gallery. In the gallery there was a sleek black cat who, with true continental politeness, arched her back and purred her welcome to the strangers who accosted her in an unknown tongue. The visitors then pushed open another little door, and ascended still higher up the stairway, which became still narrower and darker until daylight burst upon the climbers, and they found they had reached the very summit of the tower. For some few minutes they gazed at the sunlit city which lay spread out before them, and the Alpine climber regretted that he could not risk his neck on some tempting ledges, and

then the descent was begun. This was fraught with excitement for, at the very narrowest, darkest, and most spiral part of the staircase, the way was blocked by a frightened child and an excitable Frenchman. Our party flattened themselves against the walls for some time without the situation becoming any less confused, and then one of them took charge, issued directions in a mixture of English and some tongue which was presumably French, and gradually the confusion became less, and we finally came to earth once more without any undue giddiness. All save two were by this time at the appointed rendezvous, but, though we waited with considerable patience, they came not. However, just as the threats of what things should befall them when they did arrive, were beginning to grow exciting, someone, gifted with keener vision than the others, described them calmly seated outside a neighbouring café. With haste and hot reproaches we repaired thither also, and having ascertained the nature of their drinks, ordered some "orangeade": for the benefit of the uninitiated we would say that this is iced lemonade made with oranges. Could some of those who have an inclination to accuse us of undue seriousness have beheld the race which took place between the drinkers, they would have been charmed! Even could we remember, we would not say which glass was exhausted first. With considerable reluctance we turned our steps towards Montmartre, and arrived at our hotel ready to demolish whatsoever good things should be set before us. It was at this luncheon that we were given "Gateau à l'anglaise," though never had we seen its like before! At the conclusion of this gay luncheon, most of us set out for Versailles: the booking-office was found after several fruitless attempts, and some of the more talented of the party purchased the tickets. We ran for the train and travelled on top! The discovery of this mode of travel was greeted with a yell of delight, though some of the more fastidious demurred in a half-hearted manner from a sense of duty. But their murmurs were drowned in the general gurgles of delight as we seated ourselves in rows upon narrow, smoke-begrimed seats, resembling nothing so much as the old-fashioned knife-board. The afternoon was warm and sunny, the scenery delightful, so what did we reck that we not only stopped at every station, but also in several tunnels and at various other unexpected spots? In one hour and a half we travelled fourteen miles! At Versailles we boarded a tram which took us to the park of the Trianon. We found

Versailles a place of much beauty; long moss-grown walks led away in enticing manner with overarching trees, daisy-studded grass flourished in other parts, and the canal was gay with pleasure-boats. There was much talk of fountains, though each one of us appeared to have different ideas as to their situation, and then came the brilliant suggestion that we should abide by the advice of the guide-book, and "follow the crowd." The crowd was not to be mistaken at that juncture, nor the fact that it was in a hurry, for there was a sudden whirlwind-like onslaught as it came along carrying all before it, and everyone with it. We did not recover breath nor independence of movement until we heard the commencement of a voluble discourse upon the Trianon; we then departed in haste in an opposite direction to the crowd. Our guide—not the relentless one of whom there has been some talk hitherto—led us away towards the canal, and we followed obediently down a little winding lane with high hedges on either side. This, however, led to a secluded summer house which was obviously not intended for a large number of people and we had either to jump over a wall, or retrace our steps; the latter alternative was followed and we reached the canal. Here some of the more venturesome spirits embarked and we saw them not again, but we continued on by pleasant ways until the guide suddenly turned and hurried forward. We, thinking the fountains were in sight, followed suit and received a shock to discover that the acceleration of speed was caused, not by fountains, but by the sight of a café. As we did not wish to lose the guide we also entered the enclosure and sat at white zinc tables and partook of tea, and whatsoever cakes were left after the guide's onslaught. There was a struggle with the garçon, and then we made our way across the grass to the "Tapis Vert," and so to the gardens of the Palace of Versailles, where are the greatest of the fountains. We walked about and we waited, but the fountains played not, so one of the most charming of our party was delegated to accost Monsieur Le Gendarme, a fat, rosy-cheeked old man, who, with expansive smile informed her that the fountains would play in May. Our disappointment was great, but it was mitigated by a visit to the Chamber of Deputies. Picture post-cards were thrust upon us, and we set our faces towards the station. Here, the wisdom of the powers that be decreed that we should wait in the waiting-room till the train came in. We waited; the crowd increased; it grew impatient; it executed

a kind of jig upon the floor, until the doors suddenly opened. The scene that followed beggars description: there was a mad stampede; women shrieked; children cried shrilly in frightened tones; and everybody fought like wild beasts. The crush was fearful, and all to reach a train which was absolutely empty, and not likely to start for some ten minutes! Somehow or other we reached the top of the train again and found seats, and presently we passed slowly out of Versailles and made our way through the gloaming to Paris. At dinner we retailed our experiences, and then we drifted out and walked the Boulevards, and went as far as the Champs Elysées which stretched away from the Place de la Concorde to the Arc de Triomphe. And then, to celebrate the fact that we were in Paris, we got into a taxi and whirled home with that disregard for curbs, corners, or gutters that distinguishes the Parisian taxi-driver! We sat in the deserted lounge, wrote postcards, and chatted, and that night we slept the sleep of the just.

Sorrowfully we packed our bags on Monday morning. We did it early because we wanted to have a last walk in Paris before breakfast; some of us reached the heights of Sacré Coeur, and some of us salved our consciences by buying post-cards which should have been bought before. We prepared these for dispatch as we partook of "petit déjeuner"; immediately after this there was a bustling to and fro as all the luggage was gathered together in one place; the coach of many colours arrived, and we clambered up, and then—discovery of terrible import!—two of the weaker members were missing, could not be found! Anxiety was rife until they were found sleeping calmly, with bags not packed, and breakfasts uneaten. At last, to the accompaniment of many cheers, they appeared, and we went clattering down the streets to the Gare St. Lazare. The lure of the picture post-card made itself felt as we passed along to the platform for the Rouen train, and, to our intense dismay, one of our youthful friends succumbed to it and got lost. But one, whose fate it was to linger in Paris after we had left it, turned back and searched for him. He, meanwhile, had been informing porters "Je suis anglais," but at last the seeker and the sought met, and the prodigal reached the train breathless and somewhat scared. However, his post-cards furnished him with an engrossing occupation for the length of the journey, while the rest of the company were amused by the

treasurer's efforts to collect shekels for various "extras," and by the attempts of the debtors to divert his thoughts into less mundane channels! At last, Rouen was sighted, and we all crowded into the corridor to catch the first glimpse of the city and its towers. Nestling in the shadow of the surrounding hills, with streets which go straggling crookedly up the hill-sides, with numbers of towers and mediæval buildings, the city has a certain old-world beauty. Our baggage was deposited in the cloak-room, and we proceeded up the narrow street to the fine wide thoroughfare known as the Rue Jeanne d'Arc, in which is the fine church of St. Patrice. Turning to the right, we passed through the market, and reached the Place de la Pucelle; this is the spot whereon the heroic maid is said to have suffered martyrdom; it is marked by a white stone, with an inscription in gold. We gathered round this, and tried to reconstruct the scene. From thence, we passed down to the Quays, where the Treasurer who, as was his wont, had been to make arrangements for the comfort of the inner man, met us. As luncheon was not yet prepared, he led us up the Rue Grand Pont to the Cathedral—a most beautiful example of Gothic architecture. There is "sculpture in the quatrefoils—sculpture in the brackets—sculpture in the gargoyle—sculpture in the niches—sculpture in the ridges and hollows of its mouldings," and yet, despite this rich profusion of sculpture, the outline of the building is beautifully defined. We stood in admiration before it until the attention of the natives was aroused and they came to gaze at us; at that point, we entered the Cathedral. There is probably nothing more in harmony with the religious feelings of men than a Gothic cathedral; it is impressive in the highest degree, and some of the sincerity of the builders seems to linger about it, and descends upon the visitor. We wandered round delighting in the beautiful windows, in much beautiful carving, but most of all did we delight in the tiny chapel, consecrated to the memory of La Pucelle. The altar-piece of virgin-white marble depicting various scenes in the life of the Maid, with the vessels of silver on the altar, forms a memorial of great beauty.

Once more we passed down to the Quay, and this time we found that our luncheon was awaiting us; we all sat down together, and merriment reigned supreme. After lunch, those of us who did not get lost boarded a crowded tramcar which rocked, swayed, and jolted in a manner which precipitated us against each other every two or three

seconds. In this car we made the tour of the city. We passed along the ancient walls which are now converted into shady boulevards, and alighted at the point from which we started. We made our way to the Cathedral once more, with a view to making the ascent of the Central Tower; but there was a service in progress, and, after hearing a familiar hymn in Latin, we passed through the ancient Portail des Libraires into the old-fashioned court, wherein we found a shop at which postcards and views were purchased recklessly. Then by way of a narrow cobbled street, with quaint old dwellings on either hand, we came to another church which, as some one hundred and one ragged urchins informed us in shrill voices, is "l'église St. Maclou." We escaped the urchins by entering this small though rich example of the Florid Gothic style. We did not linger for very long and came out to be again assailed by the youthful enthusiasts, but, at the words "Je n'ai pas d'argent" their enthusiasm suddenly expired and we were left to pursue our way in peace. "St. Ouen" was the next point in our pilgrimage, but this was closed, so we had to content ourselves with an inspection of its magnificent and beautifully proportioned exterior, with its crowning feature the central tower, not inaptly called "La Couronne de Normandie." So we passed the Hôtel de Ville, glanced at the statue of Napoleon on horseback which stands before it, and climbed the long steep hill till we reached the Fontaine Ste Marie: then we entered the grounds of the Musée d'Antiquités just in time to hear the bell denoting the closing-hour rung. We contemplated storming the old convent, but contented ourselves by looking at the quaint pieces of sculpture outside. Our next visit was to the Tour de Jeanne d'Arc. This is but the donjon of an ancient castle in which Joan was imprisoned. We climbed some one hundred and twenty-two steps to the cell in which she is said to have suffered torture, and then, with that sense of shame which comes to one at the thought of the suffering she endured, we passed out into the sunlight again. Once more we descended the hill to the Cathedral and, leaving our less energetic friends to wait for us, we took a tiny taper and began to ascend. The central tower was soon climbed, but this is surmounted by an iron spire quite out of harmony with the rest of the building, so we went round and round and round with the wind and rain beating in our faces until, just as we reached the point when we felt we could go no farther, we reached the summit—a height of 486 feet from the ground. We

exclaimed at the microscopic appearance of the people on earth ; at the dwarfed look of towers and buildings ; regained some breath and retraced our steps. We reached the Cathedral safely, and some of us had to be unwound, and then, while search was made for a lost umbrella, we sat and rested awhile. By this time eventide was at hand, and the Cathedral was deserted by all save a few devout worshippers. The lights of the altar had been extinguished, the shadows deepened down the nave and aisles, and the light came in sunset-glow through the blazoned rose-windows, and the lamp before the sanctuary glowed dimly and steadily. And we passed from the Cathedral with the thought that no more beautiful close to our wanderings could have been found.

The little time that remained to us was spent in purchasing souvenirs for the home-people, in writing post-cards while we drank tea at an open-air café on the quay, and then we returned to the hotel for dinner. We all sat round a long table plentifully supplied with cider and water, and surely never will any dinner leave such pleasant memories in our minds as that one. Miss Lovegrove, in an eloquent little speech, proposed that the party should express their hearty appreciation of the way in which Messrs. Sayers and Purnell had worked for the enjoyment of every single member. On behalf of those who were not members of the Association, she said how very much they had all enjoyed themselves, and she hoped that they would be allowed to come again. She belonged to a similar association, and she was going to suggest to them that they should go and do likewise. Mr. Harris seconded this in a glowing speech, in which he referred to the well-known energy and enthusiasm of the two persons who were responsible for the organization of the trip, and he said how pleased he was that the School had not excluded non-members of the Association. He called upon the company to fill their glasses and drink to the health of Messrs. Sayers and Purnell. The toast was celebrated enthusiastically, and the two gentlemen responded in graceful fashion.

Somewhere about midnight our farewell was said to Rouen, and we ensconced ourselves in some comfortable corners in the first-class carriages which someone had reserved for us, and then we nearly all went to sleep. At Dieppe a foolish ticket-collector tried to bully us, but was reduced to silence by Monsieur le Guide. And then we went on to the pier, and saw the boat rolling, and we became sadly subdued. The poet alone can describe the voyage :—

Belovéd Night, whom poets sing,
 The waves are white and wandering,
 We hymn thee without ecstasy ;
 The waters roll, the boat rolls too,
 Beshrew my soul, my cheek turns blue
 Upon the Easter sea.

No room below ; we sing above—
 We sing for woe, and not for love,
 O wild and disappointing sea.
 Be still, O wind ; ye waters cease ;
 With heart and mind we long for peace
 Where never peace may be.
 Thou risest high, thou droppest low,
 With every sigh, ascends my woe—
 Before I die, ye winds that blow,
 O draw a curtain over me !*

We reached Newhaven at the time we should have reached London. We did manage to crawl into the train, and we did try to behave as if the voyage had been a glorious one, but everybody fell asleep again till we came to Croydon. Here we lost some of the party, and then at last we came to Victoria and bade each other farewell. But, despite the voyage, everyone declared that they hoped to be in Holland next Easter.

PROCEEDINGS.

MAY MEETING AT WANDSWORTH.

A most cordial welcome once more awaited the Association, when on May 15th, about 40 members and friends met at the Wandsworth Public Library at the invitation of Mr. Cecil T. Davis, the Chief Librarian. Refreshments of which each member was invited to partake on arrival were tastefully served on the lawn. At 8 o'clock an adjournment was made to the Chief Librarian's room, where Mr. Councillor J. Robinson, Chairman of the Wandsworth Libraries Sub-Committee, took the chair, and after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, welcomed the Association to the Library. He paid a tribute to librarianship, and said that the work of a librarian was not merely to lend out books, but that it required very high intellectual powers. The object of a library was not to provide amusement, but was primarily educative. He did not mean that fiction should not be provided, but that it should not occupy too prominent a position, and should be entirely subordinated to the more serious purpose of the library. He was glad that the Association had set itself to the task of self-education, but thought that its chief work should be to make librarianship educative to the people. Mr. Davies then said a few words of welcome, referring to the former pleasant visits of the Association to the Library, and saying how pleased he was to see so many there.

PRESENTATION TO MESSRS. SAYERS AND PURNELL.

A surprise had been prepared as the next item on the agenda. Mr. R. A. Peddie (St. Bride Institute) rose and in terms of the highest praise

* Ascribed to (but disowned by) the President.

referred to the organisation of the Paris School, and the very enjoyable time that everyone had spent there at Easter. He had been asked by the members of the School to give to the President (Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers) and to Mr. H. Rutherford Purnell a memento of the occasion as a mark of the deep appreciation of their efforts. He then gave to the President a silver cigarette case and to Mr. Purnell a silver card case. Neither had received any inkling of the presentation and their brief speeches of thanks expressed the emotion felt by them at the unexpected gift and the great pleasure that the appreciation of their efforts had occasioned.

The Chairman then called on Mr. H. G. Hayne, of the Hornsey Public Libraries, to read a paper on "The Story of the Almanac." This was followed by a brief discussion. Mr. Cuthbert H. R. Peach, of Gray's Inn Library, followed with a paper on "Reports of Royal Commissions and Their Uses," which led to a discussion which largely concerned the difficulty of obtaining these reports experienced by public libraries, in view of their cost, and the very limited library incomes; and also the necessity for very careful selection. It is hoped that both papers will appear in the "The Library Assistant."

A vote of thanks to the readers of the papers was cordially passed, and the President then moved that the heartiest thanks be given to the Chairman of the Committee who had shown a great interest in the work of the library; to Mr. Davis, London's veteran librarian, for this further generous and hearty reception; to his family and the members of the Library Staff; and to the Library Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thorne, and carried unanimously with enthusiasm.

NORTH EASTERN BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the North Eastern Branch was held in the South Shields Public Library on Wednesday, April 24th, by kind permission of Mr. Bailey, the Librarian. About 40 members were present. At the outset the Chairman (Mr. Wilson) referred to the pleasure it gave them all to see three of their members "Gazetted" in the "Appointments and Changes"; Mr. R. Wright, Sunderland, now Librarian of the Royal Societies Club Library, Mr. J. Wilson Lambert, Sunderland, now Librarian of Gainsborough Public Library, and Mr. G. H. Dutton, B.Sc., Sunderland, now Curator of Derby Museum and Art Gallery. He referred in eulogistic terms to the splendid work accomplished by Mr. Wright while he was in the North. The success of any society depended upon the ideas, initiative, and enthusiasm of the Secretary, and the success of the North Eastern Branch, was a witness to the possession of these qualities by Mr. Wright. Several members joined with the Chairman in their appreciation of the work of the late Secretary and in extending their congratulations to their colleagues, and wished them every success in their new spheres of life. The member's paper was given by Mr. T. E. Turnbull (Newcastle), who took for his subject "The Effect of an Increased Rate on Library Administration." He said: "Seldom had a subject lent itself to such imaginative treatment. In considering the question it was most instructive to note what was being done in America, for many of their extension methods would be adopted in England were we in their unfettered position. The increased rate would be devoted to the library proper as one scarcely anticipated any further increase of expense on such things as lighting, heating, &c. He did not hold the opinion that the library would eventually come under the control of the educational authority. Except that County Councils would be empowered to adopt the acts the authority would remain practically the same. Some change however would be necessary in the constitution of Library Committees; at present they were too large, there were too many Councillors, and too few co-opted members. Assistants would stand to gain very much from the change. The Reference Library

would be stimulated in many ways ; local sections would be as complete as possible ; complete sets of suitable periodicals and society transactions would be built up ; expense would not be a bar to the purchase of valuable books, masterpieces of the printer's and the bookbinder's art.

The Lending Library, open access, would be developed on more educational and less recreative lines. Branch libraries would be multiplied ; delivery stations and home delivery stations would be established ; work with the blind would be more extensively carried on ; and village travelling libraries would be an essential feature. Work with children would receive more attention ; children's rooms would be provided within the library, and children's libraries provided in the schools. Lectures would be general, and the keynotes of future library work would be co-operation and centralisation." The Associate's paper was given by Mr. Allon Ewart, of South Shields, who introduced into the subject of "Museums" a deal of originality and humour. As the youngest member of the Branch he could look upon Museum work in the dispassionate light of a critic. The museum as an educational force was sadly neglected in most towns. The support offered was quite insufficient, the librarian delegated to overlook the museum having in most cases totally insufficient funds to preserve its utility. The miscellaneous character emulative of the British Museum destroyed its educational value. There were two methods of presenting the subject ; the first tracing by means of specimens the gradual development of a man from a bird, a mode appealing to those possessed with some knowledge of anatomy ; and there was the picturesque method, representing the life of the animal in tableaux, as it really lived, shown amidst objects common to its natural life. This method was to be adopted on account of "the sublimity of ignorance which characterises the public," and which refuses to derive any benefit from more logical modes of presentation. The importance of clearly labelling each specimen was demonstrated. In conclusion the scope and interests of a local museum were defined, and the prospects of intending curators somewhat pessimistically regarded. Both papers aroused a good deal of discussion. The members were afterwards entertained to supper by the South Shields staff. Mr. R. M. Daniel, of South Shields, was elected Secretary, *vice* Mr. Wright, resigned. The next meeting will be held at Tynemouth in June.

SOUTH WALES BRANCH.

The April meeting was held on Wednesday, April 10th, at 3.30 p.m., when the Chairman reported on the work for the last three months. He was pleased to be able to report an increase in the membership. The number of members this year being 28 against 23 last year, and three out of the five new members were from outside libraries. It was decided to postpone the Election of Officers until next September, owing to only 15 members being present. The treasurer reported a balance in hand of 14s. 3d. for the year ending March, 1912.

APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES

COTTON, MR. K. W., Branch Librarian, Hampstead Public Libraries, has been appointed Sub-Librarian of the British Library of Political Science, Clare Market, W.C.

*WALKER, MR. J. E., Senior Assistant, Gateshead Public Library, has been appointed Sub-Librarian of the Tottenham Public Library. (The other selected candidates were : Messrs. *McLaren, Walthamstow ; *Lillie, Swindon ; *Twort, Croydon).

*WILSON, MR. WILLIAM, Deputy-Librarian of the Gateshead Public Library, and Chairman of the North Eastern Branch of the L.A.A., has been appointed Librarian of the Darlington Public Library, in succession to the late Mr. W. J. Arrowsmith. (The other selected candidates were : Messrs. Atkinson, Acting-Librarian, Darlington ; *Bolton, Stoke Newington (did not attend) ; *Herdman, Sunderland (withdrew) ; Rigg, Carlisle ; *Stevenson, Bournemouth).

^{*}Member, L.A.A.

THE

Library Assistants' Association

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT,
1911-12.

The Council and Officers submit their Report on the work of the Seventeenth Session.

Membership.

	Hon. Fellows	Fel- lows	Mem- bers	Asso- ciates	Total
General Association	...	13	14	151	70
Branches		3	79	114
			230	184	444

M. Eugene Morel, a Sub-Librarian of the Bibliothèque Nationale, France, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Association in recognition of his work for bibliography.

Monthly Meetings.

The Sessional Programme (see Appendix IV.) has been carried out in its entirety. The quality of the papers read has been of a high standard, and much profitable discussion has resulted. Among the distinguished visitors who have contributed to the proceedings are Mr. G. K. Fortescue, LL.D., Keeper of the Printed Books at the British Museum, and Mr. J. E. G. de Montmorency, M.A., LL.B., of the literary staff of *The Contemporary Review*. The attendances at the meetings have been very satisfactory.

Much of the success of the meetings is due to the kindness of the several authorities who willingly placed their institutions at the service of the Association. The Council desires to place on record its thanks to the Committees and Officers of these institutions; the gentlemen who have occupied the chair at the meetings; and the readers of papers, one and all of whom have dealt very ably with their subjects.

The Council is largely indebted to Mr. W. Benson Thorne, Honorary Secretary of the Education Committee, for his work in connexion with the organization of the meetings.

The Potter Briscoe Prize.

Mr. H. Rutherford Purnell, of the Croydon Public Libraries, is to be congratulated on gaining the prize of one guinea, offered by the Chief Librarian of Nottingham, for the best paper read by a library assistant during the year, 1910-11. Mr. Purnell's paper, *The Development of Notation in Classification*, has been printed as number 3 of the L.A.A. Series.

Mr. Potter Briscoe has again kindly renewed his offer, and the Council desires to thank him most cordially for this continued expression of his goodwill towards the Association.

Second International Easter School.

The Second International Easter School was held at Paris this year, and was an unqualified success. Forty members participated, this being exactly double the number that attended the first school at Brussels. Visits were paid to the Bibliothèque Nationale, which was explained by MM. Beranger, Marcel and Morel; to the Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal, where, in the absence of the Administrator, M. Henry Martin, the members were received and given an exhaustive description of the Library by M. Bonnefon; and to the Bibliothèque Ste. Geneviève, where the members were received by MM. Poirée and Mortet, who threw open the whole of the splendid Library to the inspection of the party, and explained its administration and treasures. Visits were paid to the principal buildings and sights of Paris, and the greater part of Easter Monday was spent in Rouen.

The Council is greatly indebted to the Administrators of the three Libraries named, and to the members of their staffs who sacrificed much of their Easter holiday for the entertainment and instruction of the members.

The School was organised by the President, who acted as Secretary; the financial arrangements, and the guiding of the party in Paris, were undertaken with complete success by Mr. H. Rutherford Purnell.

The Council is of opinion that these International Schools do much to stimulate interest in the work of the Association, and answer the larger purpose of bringing members into contact with the workers and methods in other libraries, and of educating those who participate in them in the best possible way.

International School Prizes.

Mr. J. Y. W. MacAlister, an old and much esteemed friend of the Association, has offered prizes of three, two, and one guineas for the best professionally interesting accounts of the holiday school. The Council desires to express its thanks to him, and to Messrs. A. W. Pollard and H. R. Tedder who have kindly undertaken the work of adjudication.

Branches.

Continued activity and progress is reported from the several Branches. Mr. J. C. Handby (Bradford) was re-elected President of the Yorkshire Branch, and Mr. Norman Treliiving (Leeds) was elected to succeed Mr. A. J. Hawkes as Honorary Secretary. The latter, it will be remembered, was appointed to an assistantship in the National Library of Wales, and the Council, while regretting his severance from the work of the Branch, heartily

congratulates him on his professional advancement. The North Eastern Branch has had a successful session under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. Wilson (Gateshead) and the Secretariate of Mr. Richard Wright (Sunderland). Mr. Wright, consequent upon his appointment as librarian of the Royal Societies Club Library, has resigned the Secretaryship, and the best wishes of his colleagues will go with him into his new sphere of work. The report of the Midland Branch is very satisfactory. All the officers were re-elected, but a vacancy has since been created by the appointment of Mr. W. Ewart Owen to the librarianship of Leamington. The organization of the Branch was undertaken and carried to a successful issue by Mr. Owen, and the Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the splendid work done by him in this connexion. The Irish Branch, owing to local difficulties has made little progress. The South Wales Branch is steadily increasing. Mr. C. Sexton, who for the past two years has done good service as Secretary of the Branch, is succeeded by Miss Julia Taylor.

Negotiations for the formation of a South Coast Branch have been commenced, and it is hoped that, through the enthusiasm of our many able members in this district, the coming year may witness the addition of another healthy Branch to our growing Association.

Council and Officers.

With the conclusion of the present session, the President, Vice-President, and Honorary Secretary resign their respective offices. The President and Honorary Secretary have held office since June, 1909, and, as will be seen from this and preceding reports, much good work has been accomplished during this period. The activities of the Council have been widened, and its policy systematized. The Council feels that the present satisfactory position of the Association is due in no small measure to the signal energy and zeal displayed by the retiring President and Secretary, and desires to place on record an expression of its cordial appreciation of their services.

It is gratifying to record that Messrs. W. Geo. Chambers and A. H. Carter continue to serve the Association as Honorary Treasurer and Librarian respectively.

The Library Association.

The Association has been elected an Institution Member of the Library Association, the representative for the current year being the President.

Finance.

The increased financial support now being accorded our work is making possible a number of activities which otherwise would have to remain in abeyance. The record income reported

last year has been exceeded during the year under review by no less than £29 17s. 2d.

Not only is this result very gratifying to the Council as shewing that its efforts are being appreciated by library assistants all over the country, but also because it enables them steadily to pursue the forward policy adopted some few years ago.

Annual donations of 10s. and 5s. respectively have been received from Messrs. W. G. Chambers and H. Smith; the President has forwarded, for the second successive year, a subscription of one guinea; and Misses D. Ballen and O. E. Clarke and Messrs. H. T. Coutts, H. V. Hopwood, and H. G. Sureties have continued the payment of double subscriptions. Particular mention should also be made of the donation of £2 from Mr. G. R. Bolton, who, in a most public-spirited way returned to the Council this sum, to which he was entitled in connection with the editorial work of *The Library Assistant*. A grant of £5 from the L.A.A. International Committee also calls for special comment, and it speaks volumes for the business ability of the members of this Committee that it should be in a position to show so satisfactory a balance from the second Easter School, which more than covers the expenses incurred in the organization of the school. To the members just mentioned, as well as to the International Committee, the Council extends its grateful thanks.

Policy.

By pamphlets, letters, resolutions, advertisements, and in various other ways the L.A.A. is making its influence felt in every quarter where the well-being of its members is at stake. Following the lines laid down in the report of last year, resolutions have been forwarded to local authorities and the press protesting against inadequate salaries and the appointment of untrained persons as librarians.

In *The Times* of September 5th last, a letter appeared above the signatures of the President and Secretary, drawing attention to the unsatisfactory financial conditions of public libraries in general, the demands made upon librarians and their assistants, and the inadequacy of their remuneration. It was pointed out that nearly every branch of the librarian's work demands intellectual application and often mental strain, and a plea was entered for the removal of the disabilities under which librarians and their staffs are working.

The Deputy Mayor of Lewes, in a letter to *The Daily Mail*, drew attention to the fact that the joint salary of the Lewes librarian and his wife was £65 a year, with apartments, coal, and light free. He resented a statement made by the President, that £65 a year was not sufficient for the reasonable existence of such

a man as should be a librarian, and said that, in his opinion, it was ample for a town like Lewes and the duties which the officers had to perform. This estimate of a librarian's worth, by a representative of local government, indicates very clearly the need for further educating the public in librarianship.

Resolutions have been forwarded to the authorities of Merthyr Tydfil, where a caretaker "librarian" was appointed at a wage of 25s. per week, and Douglas (Isle of Man) where a local journalist was appointed to the position of librarian.

The report on the Conditions of Library Service, adopted at the last Annual Meeting, has been circulated throughout the country, and, so far as can be judged, has been productive of good results. Several library authorities have since applied for copies for the use of members of their committees, and the returns have also been used for purposes of comparison. The Council has good reasons for believing that in several cases a revision of salaries to a more liberal scale has resulted from the report. Thanks to the co-operation of the municipal and general press, the report has received a large amount of publicity.

Professional Registration.

The notice of the Council having been drawn to the fact that certain members had applied for, and had been refused, the Fellowship of the Library Association, a Registration Committee was appointed to enquire into the matter. This Committee addressed a circular to the candidates for election to the Council of the Library Association, asking them whether they would be willing to promote a uniform interpretation of the clause admitting assistant librarians to Fellowship, so that they might advise members accordingly. As a result of this circular the Honorary Secretary of the Library Association requested that any cases of alleged injustice in the granting of Fellowships might be submitted to the Council of the Library Association. The Council thereupon submitted a list of assistant librarians whose qualifications seemed to entitle them to be placed on the list of Fellows of the Library Association. The Council, while regretting that the majority of those whose names were submitted were not elected, has pleasure in congratulating Messrs. W. Geo. Chambers (Woolwich), and T. E. Turnbull (Newcastle-upon-Tyne), who were elected to Fellowship.

Special Committees.

A Committee has been appointed to keep the newspaper and magazine press in touch with the activities of the Association. The majority of the papers has most kindly co-operated by inserting notices and reports of the Association's meetings and work.

The Council has also appointed a Committee to enquire into ways and means whereby the membership of the Association may

be increased. It is proposed to issue a pamphlet setting forth the history, aims, objects, and work of the Association, and to circulate it among those assistant librarians who have not attached themselves to the Association.

Publications.

The Library Assistant has been published regularly throughout the year, and Messrs. H. R. Purnell and G. R. Bolton, the Editor and Assistant Editor respectively, are to be congratulated on its general conduct and the punctuality which has marked its publication.

Number 1 of the L.A.A. series (*The Principles of Classification*, by W. C. Berwick Sayers) having become out of print, a new pamphlet, incorporating the substance of the original, and entitled *The Grammar of Classification*, was published early in January, and its publication has been amply justified by subsequent sales. The thanks of the Council are due to the President for his kindness in handing over this paper to the Council for use in the L.A.A. series. There is a continued demand for the rest of the series. The special report on *Hours, Salaries, Training and Conditions of Service of Assistants* was published as number 4 of the series.

The Library.

The Library continues to grow and to do good service. Members are reminded that it places at their disposal practically all the principal literature on our profession, including most of the periodicals. The Council acknowledges with gratitude an important donation of rare sets of library periodicals made by Miss M. Hetherington, which has enabled the Librarian to complete to a large extent the hitherto imperfect collection. Thanks are due also to Mr. Horace Barlow, for three volumes of "The Library Assistant," and to other donors who have contributed to the library. A certain amount of money has been expended on binding, which the Council hopes to increase substantially as opportunity affords. The books reviewed in *The Library Assistant*, which include all the best works on the profession issued during the year, have been placed in the Library. Members are again requested to forward the publications of their own libraries.

Professional Literature.

The Council has pleasure in congratulating Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers on the publication of *The Children's Library: a practical manual for public, school, and home libraries*. This textbook deals with a department of library work which previously has not been treated in comprehensive book form, and should prove very

useful. The Council acknowledges the dedication of the book, and is pleased to be associated in this way with the work of its President.

Mr. W. Benson Thorne has written an account of the Library Assistants' Association, which appeared in the pages of *The Librarian*, and which has been republished as number 2 of *The Librarian Series*.

It is gratifying to note that several members of the L.A.A. have added to bibliographical knowledge during the year. In particular may be mentioned the work of Mr. James D. Stewart, who as Editor of *The English Catalogue* was responsible for the five-yearly cumulative volume as well as the annual one. Mr. R. A. Peddie also has done valuable bibliographical work, and his *National Bibliographies* should prove of great service. The list of contributors to and editors of *Nelson's Standard Books* includes the names of well-known assistant librarians.

Promotions.

The Council heartily congratulates Messrs. J. G. Ayton (Librarian, Perth Literary Institute, West Australia), H. W. Checketts (Senior Assistant, Birmingham), F. Dallimore (Librarian, Newark), H. Grindle (Branch Librarian, Handsworth), J. W. Lambert (Librarian, Gainsborough), J. Ormerod (Librarian, Farnworth), W. E. Owen (Librarian, Leamington), R. Wright (Librarian, Royal Societies' Club), and several other members who have received promotion during the year.

Obituary.

The Council records, with deep regret, the death of Alfred Cotgreave, for many years Chief Librarian of West Ham. Mr. Cotgreave's relationship to the L.A.A. was always of a very cordial nature, and many enjoyable meetings have been held at West Ham under his genial chairmanship. The Association lost two young and promising members, when the deaths occurred of Thomas Potter, who for several years had been attached to the staff of the Bolton Public Libraries, and of James Fagan, of the Belfast Library staff.

Acknowledgments.

Thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Governors of the Bishopsgate and Cripplegate Institutes for their kindness in placing rooms at the service of the Council, and to Miss Turner, of the Islington Public Libraries, for clerical assistance rendered to the Honorary Secretary.

W. C. BERWICK SAYERS, *President.*
HENRY T. COUTTS, *Honorary Secretary.*

APPENDIX 1.

Officers and Council :
President

(and President of the Council)

W. C. Berwick Sayers, Public Libraries, Croydon, 1909-1912.

Past Chairmen and Presidents :

R. A. Peddie, St. Bride Institute, 1895-1896.
 A. H. Carter, Westminster, 1896-1898.
 F. Meaden Roberts, Stepney, 1898-1899.
 Henry Ogle, Ipswich, 1899-1900.
 Evan G. Rees, Westminster, 1900-1904.
 W. Geo. Chambers, Woolwich, 1904-1906.
 W. Benson Thorne, Poplar, 1906-1909.

Vice-President :

Joseph Walton, Public Library, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Honorary Treasurer :

W. Geo. Chambers, Public Library, Plumstead.

Honorary Editor :

H. Rutherford Purnell, Central Library, Croydon.

Honorary Assistant Editor :

Geo. R. Bolton, Public Library, Stoke Newington.

Honorary Librarian :

A. H. Carter, St. Martin's Library, Westminster.

Honorary Secretary :

Henry T. Coutts, North Library, Islington.

COUNCIL.**Education Committee :**

H. W. Checketts, Birmingham Public Library.

†Miss O. E. Clarke, Central Library, Islington.

*H. T. Coutts, North Library, Islington. *Ex-Officio.*

J. C. Handby, Central Library, Bradford.

*J. F. Hogg, Public Library, Battersea.

W. A. Peplow, Public Library, Wood Green. *Resigned December*R. A. Peddie, St. Bride Institute. *Appointed January 10th.**W. C. B. Sayers, Central Library, Croydon. *Ex-Officio.*

*J. D. Stewart, Central Library, Islington.

*W. B. Thorne, Bromley Library, Poplar. *Hon. Secretary.**J. D. Young, London Street Library, Greenwich. *Chairman.***Finance and General Purposes Committee :**W. G. Chambers, Public Library, Plumstead. *Hon. Secretary.*

R. Cooper, Central Library, Battersea.

T. M. Coulson, Falls Road Library, Belfast.

*H. T. Coutts, North Library, Islington. *Ex-Officio.*W. G. Hawkins, Central Library, Fulham. *Chairman.*

†H. R. Peters, Manor House Library, Lee.

J. Ross, Walton Branch Library, Liverpool.

*W. C. B. Sayers, Central Library, Croydon. *Ex-Officio.*

†H. G. Sureties, Shepherd's Hill Library, Hornsey.

W. Wilson, Public Library, Gateshead.

Publications Committee:

†G. R. Bolton, Public Library, Stoke Newington.
 R. F. Bullen, Public Library, Bow, Poplar.
 *H. T. Coutts, North Library, Islington. *Ex-Officio.*
 A. J. Hawkes, Welsh National Library. *Resigned December.*
 W. Morgan, Central Library, Cardiff.
 W. E. Owen, Public Library, Leamington.
 †H. R. Purnell, Central Library, Croydon. *Hon. Secretary.*
 *W. C. B. Sayers, Central Library, Croydon. *Ex-Officio.*
 H. Smith, Bishopsgate Institute, E.C. *Chairman.*
 G. W. Strother, Central Library, Leeds.
 N. Treliving, Woodhouse Moor Library, Leeds. *Appointed January.*
 J. Walton, Central Library, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 R. Wright, Central Library, Sunderland.

Miss Clarke and Messrs. Stewart and Thorne, with the Officers, formed the International Committee; Messrs. Carter, Purnell, and Smith, the Library Committee.

* Member of Registration Committee.

† Member of Press Committee.

APPENDIX II.
ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

NAME.	COUNCIL.		COMMITTEES.		TOTAL OF MEETINGS.	
	Conv'd.	Attnd'd.	Conv'd.	Attnd'd	Conv'd.	Attnd'd
Bolton, G. R. ...	10	8	13	11	23	19
Bullen, R. F. ...	10	10	10	9	20	19
Chambers, W. G. ...	10	10	15	15	25	25
Clarke, Miss O. E. ...	10	9	18	17	28	26
Cooper, R. ...	10	10	14	14	24	24
Coutts, H. T. ...	10	9	44	38	54	47
Hawkins, W. G. ...	10	8	12	10	22	18
Hogg, J. F. ...	10	6	12	8	22	14
Peddie, R. A. ...	5	2	5	2	10	4
Peplow, W. A. ...	5	—	5	—	10	—
Peters, H. R. ...	10	10	17	17	27	27
Purnell, H. R. ...	10	9	18	16	28	25
Sayers, W. C. B. ...	10	10	44	44	54	54
Smith, H. ...	10	7	11	8	21	15
Stewart, J. D. ...	10	4	15	5	25	9
Sureties, H. G. ...	10	10	17	17	27	27
Thorne, W. B. ...	10	10	21	21	31	31
Young, J. D. ...	10	9	13	12	23	21
<i>Co-opted on International Committee.</i>						
Gilbert, Miss M. ...	—	—	5	4	5	4

Attendances of Members of Council without a 12 mile radius of London are not recorded.

APPENDIX III.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE 1911-12.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d. £ s. d.
Balance	Printing (including "The Library Assistant") ...	86 8 0
Members' Subscriptions ...	55 8 6	Postages (including "The Library Assistant")
Branch Subscriptions ...	22 14 6	Stationery ...	28 1 5
Advertisements in and sale of "The Library Assistant" ...	6	Enquiry <i>re</i> Hours, Salaries, etc.	...
Donations ...	65 2 7	Clerical Assistance
Sale of L.A.A. Series ...	8 11 0	Books and Binding
Miscellaneous ...	2 17 7	Hire of room ...	3 6 7
Total receipts ...	0 10 0	Travelling expenses ...	1 10 0
		Miscellaneous ...	2 0 0
		Total expenditure ...	1 1 6
		Balance
			139 11 6
			29 17 2
			£169 8 8

Audited by us and found correct, May 30th, 1912.

WM. R. BRIDGE,
CUTHBERT H. R. PEACH,
Auditors.

W. GEO. CHAMBERS,

Hon. Treasurer.
May 22nd, 1912.

APPENDIX IV.

PROGRAMME OF SESSION, 1911-12.

Oct. 11. Inaugural Meeting at the Public Library, Brighton.
 Chairmen: Mr. Henry D. Roberts, Chief Librarian of Brighton.
 Papers: "The Provincial Assistant and the L.A.A.," by Ernest Male (Brighton); "The Influence of the Public Library," by William Law (Brighton).

Nov. 8. At the St. Bride Foundation Institute, London, E.C.
 Chairman: Mr. L. Stanley Jast, Honorary Secretary of the Library Association.
 Address: "The Place of Libraries in National Education," by J. E. G. de Montmorency, M.A., LL.B.

Dec. 13. At the Public Library, Stoke Newington, N.
 Chairman: Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L.
 Paper: "English Libraries: a study in administrative chaos," by R. A. Peddie (St. Bride Institute).

LENT AND SUMMER TERM.

Jan. 10. At the Chambers of the Library Association, 24, Bloomsbury Square, London W.C.
 Papers on the work of the Brussels Institute, by W. C. Berwick Sayers (Croydon); Olive E. Clarke (Islington), H. W. Checketts (Birmingham), and Wyndham Morgan (Cardiff).

Feb. 14. At the Central Public Library, Hackney, N.E.
 Chairman: Councillor C. E. Marpole.
 Paper: "Procedure in Changing from a Closed to an Open Library," by W. H. Parker (Hackney).

Mar. 13. At the Chambers of the Library Association.
 Chairman: Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers (President).
 Papers: "Non-Municipal Librarianship," by Miss E. S. Fegan, M.A. (Ladies' College, Cheltenham); "The Subject Index of the London Library," by C. J. Purnell, M.A. (London Library).

April 5-8. *Second International Holiday School, held at Paris. Visits to the Bibliothèque Nationale, Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal, Bibliothèque de St. Geneviève, and other buildings of interest in Paris and Rouen.*

April 17. At the British Museum.
 Address: "The Library of the British Museum," by G. K. Fortescue, LL.D., Keeper of the Printed Books. Inspection of the Library and Reading Room.

May 15. At the Public Library, West Hill, Wandsworth.
 Chairman: Councillor J. A. Robinson.
 Papers: "The Story of the Almanack," by Herbert G. Hayne (Hornsey); "Reports of Royal Commissions and their Value," by Cuthbert H. R. Peach (Gray's Inn).

June 12. Seventeenth Annual Meeting at University College, Gower Street, London, W.C., preceded by an afternoon visit to the Library of the House of Lords.
 Address: "The Waste in the Library Field," by L. Stanley Jast, Hon. Secretary of the Library Association.
 Annual Business Meeting.

IRISH BRANCH MEETINGS.

1911.
Dec. 13. "Characteristics of 19th Century Literature," by T. Coulson.

1912.
Jan. 10. "Shelley and Keats," by P. Richardson; "Local and Special Collections," by M. Butler.

Feb. 14. "Wordsworth and the Lake School," by W. Moore; "Museum, Art Gallery and Library," by J. A. S. Stendall.

MIDLAND BRANCH MEETINGS.

1911.

Sep. 27. At Warwick.
Discussion: "Do we pamper the Public," opened by W. Pollitt (Coventry).

Nov. 1. At Stirchley Public Library, Birmingham.
Papers: "System and the Education of the Library Assistant," by H. Woodbine (Selly Oak, Birmingham); "The Fiction Question," by H. Grindle (Handsworth, Birmingham).

1912.

Jan. 31. Second Annual Meeting at Woodbrooke Settlement.
Addresses: "Librarians as Social Observers and Educators," by H. G. Wood, M.A.; "Residual Errors in Great English Authors," by Dr. J. Rendel Harris.

May 23. Annual Open Meeting at Worcester.

NORTH EASTERN BRANCH MEETINGS.

1911.

July 15. At Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Address: "July, 1911, where do we stand?" by W. Wilson (Gateshead).
Lantern Lecture: "Some notes on Thomas Bewick and his work," by W. H. Gibson (Newcastle).

Nov. 8. At the Public Library, Gateshead.
Paper: "The Ideal Book, its requirements and production," by J. W. Lambert (Sunderland).
Debate: "Is the Education of the Library Assistant too professional; *pro.* I. Briggs (Newcastle); *con.* J. E. Walker (Gateshead)

1912.

Jan. 17. At the Public Library, Sunderland.
Address: "The Library Outlook," by L. Stanley Jast, Honorary Secretary of the Library Association.

April 24. At the Public Library, South Shields.
Papers: "The Effect an Increased Rate might have upon Library Administration," by T. E. Turnbull (Newcastle); "Museums: law, arrangement, co-ordination," by Allon Ewart (South Shields).

SOUTH WALES BRANCH MEETINGS.

1912.

Jan. 17. At Cathays' Branch: "History of Public Libraries in Great Britain," by Miss H. Mills.
"The Public Library Movement in Cardiff," 1862-1912, by R. G. Williams.

Mar. 20. "Public Library Extension Work," by H. Boughton.
"A Short Account of a Famous Oxford Library," by L. C. Chubb.

April 20. "Sunday Opening of Public Libraries," by W. Cowdry.
"A Few Fiction Facts, Fallacies, and Frivolities," by F. C. Bullock.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETINGS.

1911.

July 5. At the Central Library, Leeds.
Chairman: Mr. J. C. Handby.
Papers: "Cataloguing," by E. C. Wickens (Liverpool); "Travelling Libraries," by D. L. Strachan (Leeds).

Sept. 28. At the Public Library, Morley.
 Discussion: "The Future of the Public Library, opened by G. W. Strother (Leeds).
 Lecture (open to the public): "The Story of Engraving and Modern Reproduction," by J. B. Ellison (Leeds).
 Chairman: Councillor A. A. Burton, B.A., LL.D.

Oct. 18. At Liverpool, by invitation of the Liverpool and District Association of Assistant Librarians. The Yorkshire party were conveyed by special car from the station to Walton, where they inspected the new open-access branch. A joint meeting of the two associations was afterwards held at the Central Library, when an address was given by Mr. E. A. Savage, Librarian of Wallasey. Mr. Geo. T. Shaw, Librarian of Liverpool, occupied the chair, supported by Councillor Abbott, of Manchester.

Nov. 15. At the Public Library, Bradford.
 Papers: "The Organization and Administration of School Libraries," by F. J. Taylor (Barnsley); "The Mis-placement of Books in Open Access Libraries," by F. Jarratt (Huddersfield).

1912.

Jan. 18. Annual Meeting at the Central Library, Leeds.
 Members were entertained to tea by Councillor John Wormald, Chairman of the Leeds Public Libraries Committee, and at the subsequent general meeting an address was given by Mr. L. Stanley Jast, Honorary Secretary of the Library Association, on "The Library Outlook."

March. The meeting arranged for Manchester was regrettfully abandoned on account of lack of railway facilities caused by the coal strike.

APPENDIX V.
LIST OF MEMBERS.
HONORARY FELLOWS.

W. Geo. Chambers, Public Library, Plumstead.
 Samuel J. Clarke, Public Library, Penge.
 J. Y. W. MacAlister, F.S.A., 20, Hanover Square, W.
 Eugene Morel, Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.
 Henry Ogle, Public Library, Ipswich.
 Paul Otlet, Institut International de Bibliographie, Brussels.
 R. A. Peddie, St. Bride Foundation Institute, E.C.
 F. Meaden Roberts, Public Library, Whitechapel.
 H. D. Roberts, Public Library, Brighton.
 Geo. E. Roebuck, Public Library, Walthamstow.
 Hugh Smith, Bishopsgate Institute, E.C.
 H. Tapley Soper, F.R.Hist.S., Public Library, Exeter.
 Charles Welch, F.S.A., 437, Seven Sisters Road, N.

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